



**Maternal and Child Health Tele-Behavioral Health Care Programs  
Technical Assistance Innovation Center**

**Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation  
in Mental Health Access Programs**



**Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People**

**Thursday, July 27, 2023, 2:00–3:00 p.m. ET**



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# Disclosures

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# Webinar Overview

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Introduce rationale  
for specialized  
childhood mental  
health consultation

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Review specialty  
content elements

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Present  
consultation  
process innovations

# Why specialized early childhood mental health consultation?

Mental health doesn't start at 6

Variable (and mostly insufficient) training in IECMH across all mental health and pediatric specialists

More half of scheduled well child visits happen by age 6 and many focus on behavioral, emotional development

Young children (and their mental health) are different

## Goal of an early childhood MH consult

1. Confirm safety has been assessed

2. Identify level of intervention needed for child (or at least next step)

3. Define first line interventions for medical home to support caregiver and child

- Even if plan is for specialty care



# Young children are different: Huge developmental leaps

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Prenatal

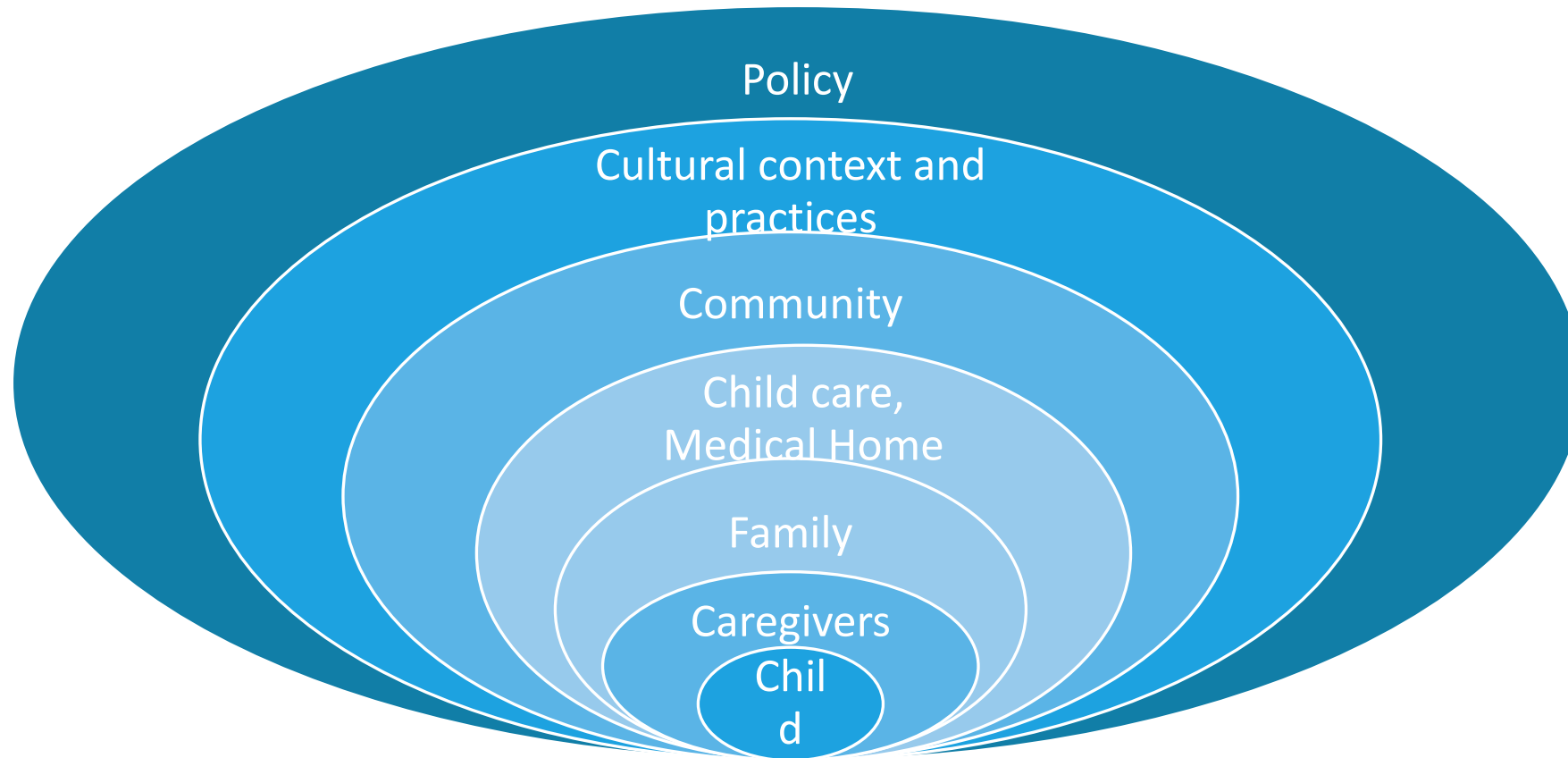
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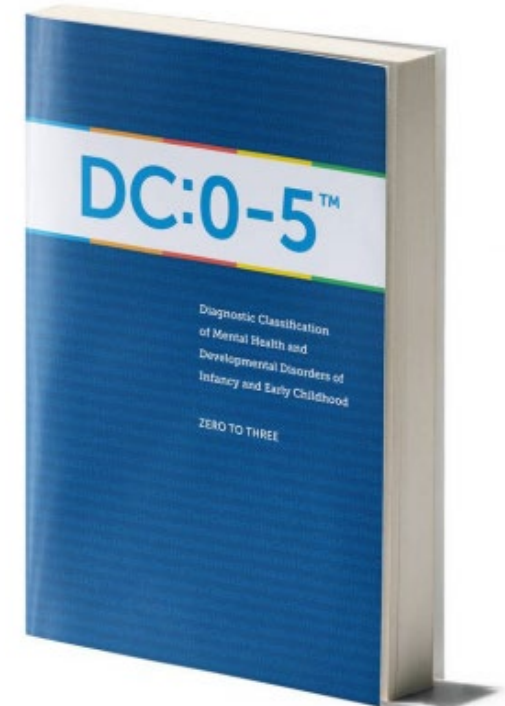
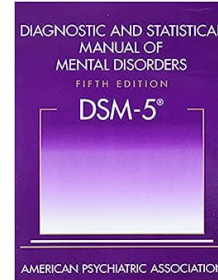
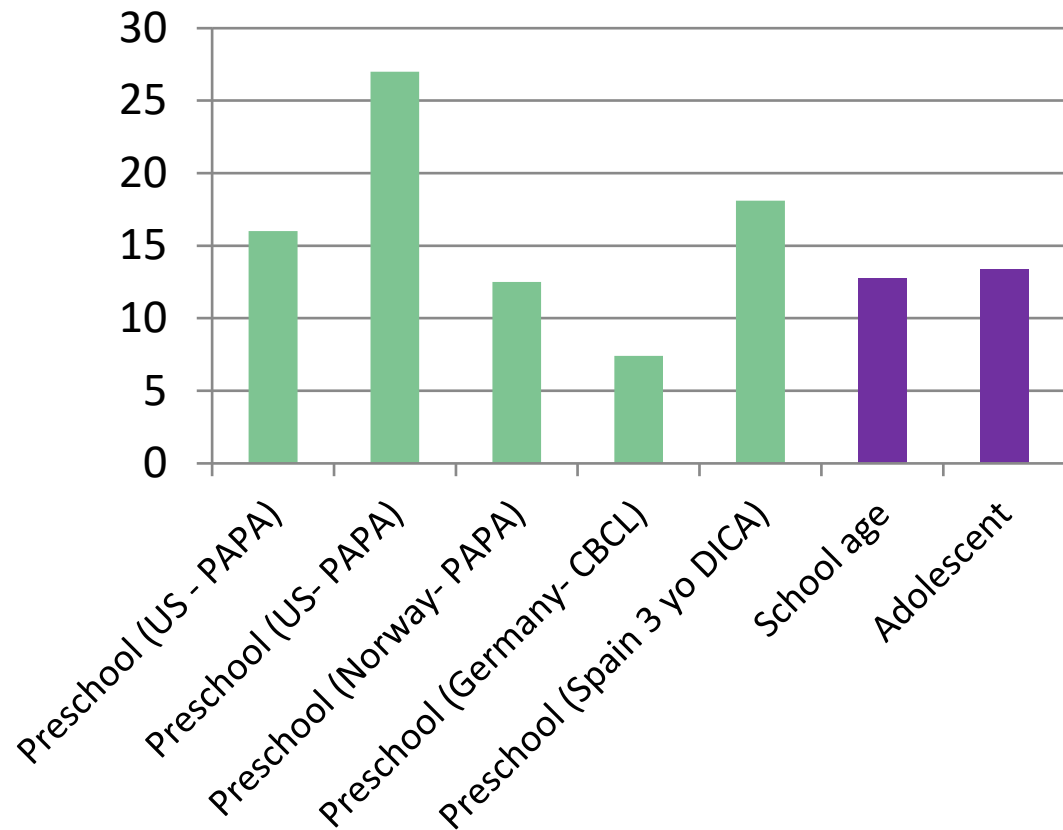


# Experiences and Contexts Matter!

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# Young children CAN have clinical mental health disorders....



Egger 2006 JAACAP; Wichstrom (2011) JCPP; Merkingas 2014 Pediatrics; Wlodarczyk (2016) J Child Psych Hum Dev; Bufferd 2014

# Early childhood MH requires

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- Perspective taking
- Self-reflection



# The Perinatal and Relational Context

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Pediatric and Perinatal Mental Health Support

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## Perinatal Mental Health Consultation

- Goal: To support Louisiana perinatal healthcare clinicians to expand early identification of perinatal risks and mental health symptoms, implement first line management for mental health and substance use disorders, and make effective referrals to additional community resources.

## Pediatric Mental Health Consultation

- Goal: All children and adolescents in Louisiana, especially those in rural and underserved areas, will have equitable access to comprehensive integrated behavioral health services by increasing capacity among primary care providers to screen, diagnose, treat and refer as needed to mental health and supportive services.

## Consultation

- Access to psychiatrists and mental health professionals
- Guidance on screening, diagnosis, treatment (including psychiatric medications)
- Response to general questions or patient specific issues

## Resource and Referral Support

- Real-time support connecting patients to mental health and other community resources
- Localized community resource lists

## Provider Education and Training

- Didactics/case consultation
- Webinars
- Provider resources (e.g. Screening Toolkit, patient materials)

**Providers are more knowledgeable in identifying, diagnosing, treating, and referring patients with mental health concerns**

# Young children are different: the perinatal, dyadic, and family context

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“There is no such thing as a baby...if you set out to describe a baby, you will find you are describing a baby and someone.”

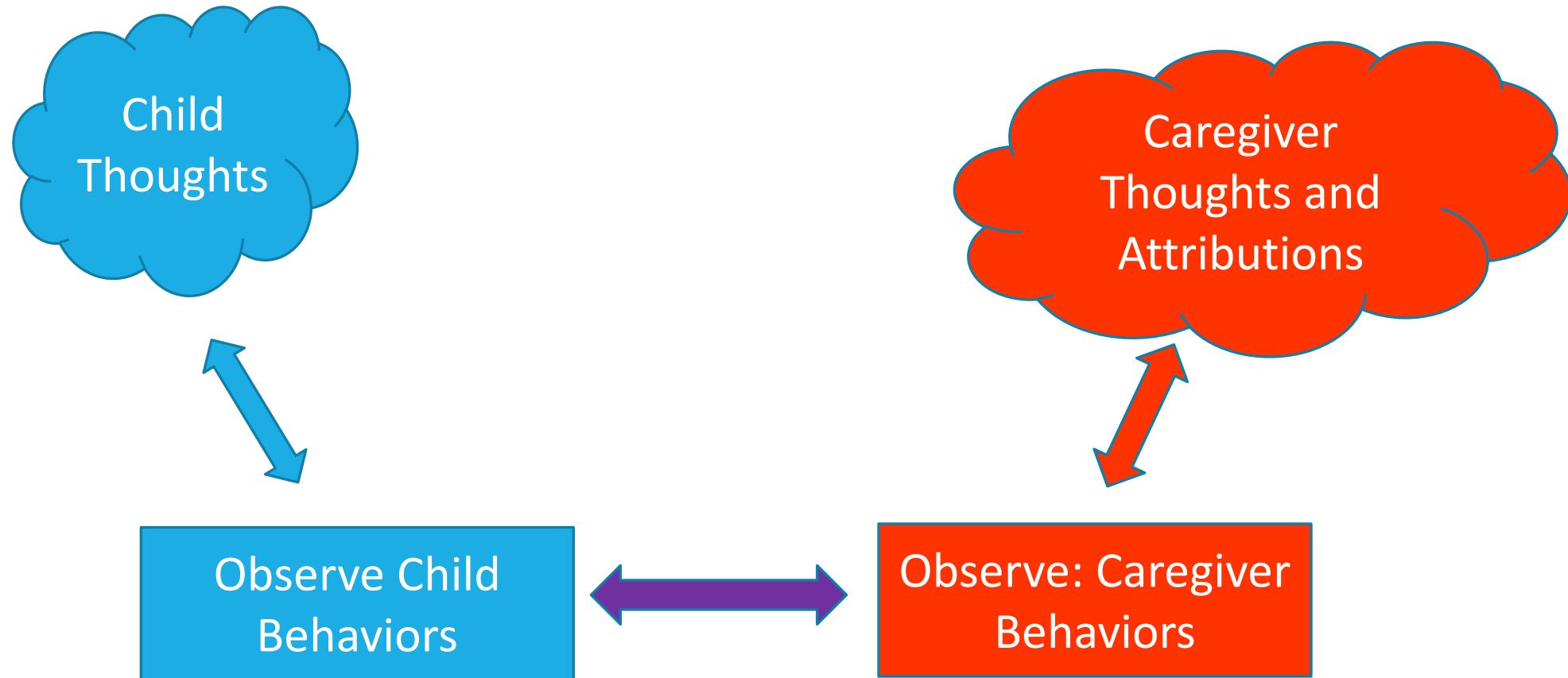
—Winnicott, 1947

- Prenatal physical, social, and mental health experiences influence prenatal and postnatal infant development
- Characteristics of the caregiver-child relationship begin prenatally
- Early relationships provide foundation for emotional and behavioral regulation... and future relationships



# Considering the components of a relationship

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# Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders are Pediatric Issues

- ✓ Pregnancy complications
  - Low adherence to medical recommendations
  - Preterm birth
  - Maternal death
- ✓ Parenting challenges
  - Feel less competent
  - Irritability
  - Fewer interaction/vocalizations
  - Shorter breast feeding
  - Delayed well-child care/immunizations
  - Limited use of safety tools (car seats/smoke detectors)
  - Corporal punishment

- ✓ Infant outcomes
  - Social difficulties
    - Less interactive
    - Difficult to calm
  - Biological changes
    - EEG asymmetry
    - Low vagal tone
    - Abnormal stress hormone
- ✓ 9 mo
  - Reduced social engagement
  - More fear & negativity
- ✓ Toddlers-adolescents
  - Higher internalizing problems
  - Increased risk externalizing problems

# Relationship-Focused Consultation Elements

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# Screening to support relationships

## Caregiver wellness

- ACOG: First prenatal visit, again later in pregnancy, and at postpartum visits
- AAP: < 1-, 2-, 4-, and 6-month visits
- PHQ-2/PHQ-9
- Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS)
- Early Childhood Screening Assessment (ECSA)

## Caregiving environment

- Every visit (psychosocial screen)
- Examples of non-proprietary tools
  - Survey of Wellbeing for Young Children (SWYC)
  - Safe Environment for Every Kid (SEEK)
  - We-Care
  - Hunger Vital Sign
  - Adverse Childhood Experiences Screening Tool

American Academy of Pediatrics  
Bright Futures/American Academy of Pediatrics

**Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care**

Updated 2023

The table lists various screening categories such as Developmental/Behavioral Health, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Psychosocial/Behavioral Assessment, and Maternal Depression Screening, with columns for different ages from 0 to 24 months.

Screening Category	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	
<b>DEVELOPMENTAL/BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</b>																									
Developmental Screening <sup>11</sup>																									●
Autism Spectrum Disorder Screening <sup>12</sup>																									
Developmental Surveillance																									
Psychosocial/Behavioral Assessment <sup>13</sup>																									
Tobacco, Alcohol, or Drug Use Assessment <sup>14</sup>																									
Depression Screening <sup>15</sup>																									
Maternal Depression Screening <sup>16</sup>																									

# Tools for PCCs to address a positive screen or caregiver mental health

## Provide language

***“Thank you for filling out this screen. It sounds like you’ve been experiencing low mood and stress, and you may be depressed. Depression and anxiety during pregnancy are common. You and your baby deserve for you to be well. There are many effective support options available. Would it be okay if we discussed those?”***

## Provide resources

### Assessing Suicidal Ideation

- **If positive response on question 10 of EPDS:** *It sounds like you are having thoughts about hurting yourself I would like to talk to you more about how you have been feeling recently.*
- *In the past two weeks, how often have you thought of hurting yourself?*
- *Have you ever attempted to hurt yourself in the past?*
- *What have you thought about doing? Have you done anything to harm yourself?*
- **If response raises concern about the safety of the baby/woman:** *It sounds like you’re going through a difficult time. You and your baby deserve for you to feel well. Let’s talk about ways we can support you.*
- **Assess for and address safety risks in home (guns, weapons, lethal medications)**

Lower Risk	Higher Risk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No prior attempts</li><li>• No plan</li><li>• No intent</li><li>• No substance use</li><li>• Protective factors (can ask patient: <i>what prevents you from acting on suicidal thoughts?</i>)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• History of suicide attempt</li><li>• High lethality of prior attempt</li><li>• Current plan</li><li>• Current intent</li><li>• Substance use</li><li>• Lack of protective factors (including social support)</li></ul>

### Helpful Resources

#### Lifeline4Moms App

Android and Apple  
App for healthcare clinicians supporting women in the perinatal period. Includes information for interpreting screens and treatment algorithms.

#### Managed Care Organizations

Louisiana Medicaid Managed Care Organizations provide extensive support including case management, transportation, baby showers, and incentives for attending prenatal and postnatal appointments. Check the number on the back of the card.

#### Mother to Baby

866.626.6847  
www.mothersobaby.org  
Evidence-based information to mothers and providers about safety of medications during pregnancy and breastfeeding.

#### Partners for Healthy Babies

<https://partnersforfamilyhealth.org/partner-babies-parent/>  
Louisiana-specific information to support families with young children.

#### Postpartum Support International

1.800.944.4773  
www.postpartum.net  
Online and local support for women affected by perinatal depression and other challenges and their families. Includes online groups, resource information to access therapy and other services.

#### Vroom

www.vroom.org  
Brain building activities to boost your child’s learning and development. Downloadable app available to incorporate into your everyday routine.

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# Make it easy for communication of results to other healthcare professionals

(more tools in appendix)



## Purpose of the Screening Passport

Screening for depression, anxiety, substance use disorders, and safety are all recommended practices during pregnancy and the postpartum period. Home visitors and clinicians can share this Screening Passport with clients and patients.

The passport ensures that women have access to their own health information and can bring the information to other healthcare appointments so all their primary care, obstetric, and mental health healthcare clinicians are well-informed. The information in the Screening Passport will allow their healthcare clinicians to give women the best possible care.

## Screen Results

### Edinburgh Perinatal Depression Scale

Screen for depression and anxiety  
Scores suggesting risk of depression and anxiety: 10 or greater

Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Next Steps: \_\_\_\_\_

### PHQ-9

Screen for depression  
Scores suggesting risk of depression: 10 or greater

Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Next Steps: \_\_\_\_\_

### GAD-7

Screen for anxiety  
Scores suggesting risk of anxiety: 10 or greater

Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Next Steps: \_\_\_\_\_

## 5-P's

Screen for substance use disorders  
Scores greater than 0 indicate need for further assessment

Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Next Steps: \_\_\_\_\_

## AAFP Social Needs Screening Tool or Safe Environment for Every Kid

Screen for factors that interfere with health  
Any identified needs indicate need for further assessment

Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Next Steps: \_\_\_\_\_

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Prompt PCC to observe the caregiver-child interactions



## CHILD OBSERVATIONS

- Are the child's social interactions developmentally appropriate?
- Is child overly friendly or withdrawn with office staff or MD?
- Does child look at/seek proximity to caregiver during appt? During moments of stress?
- Does proximity to parent help calm child during exam or immunizations?

## CAREGIVER OBSERVATIONS

- Caregiver-child interactions
  - Responsiveness to child's needs (comfort—rejection)
  - Caregiver ability to protect child
  - Child seeks out caregiver?
- Caregiver shows full range of emotions?



# Child-Focused Elements of the Consult

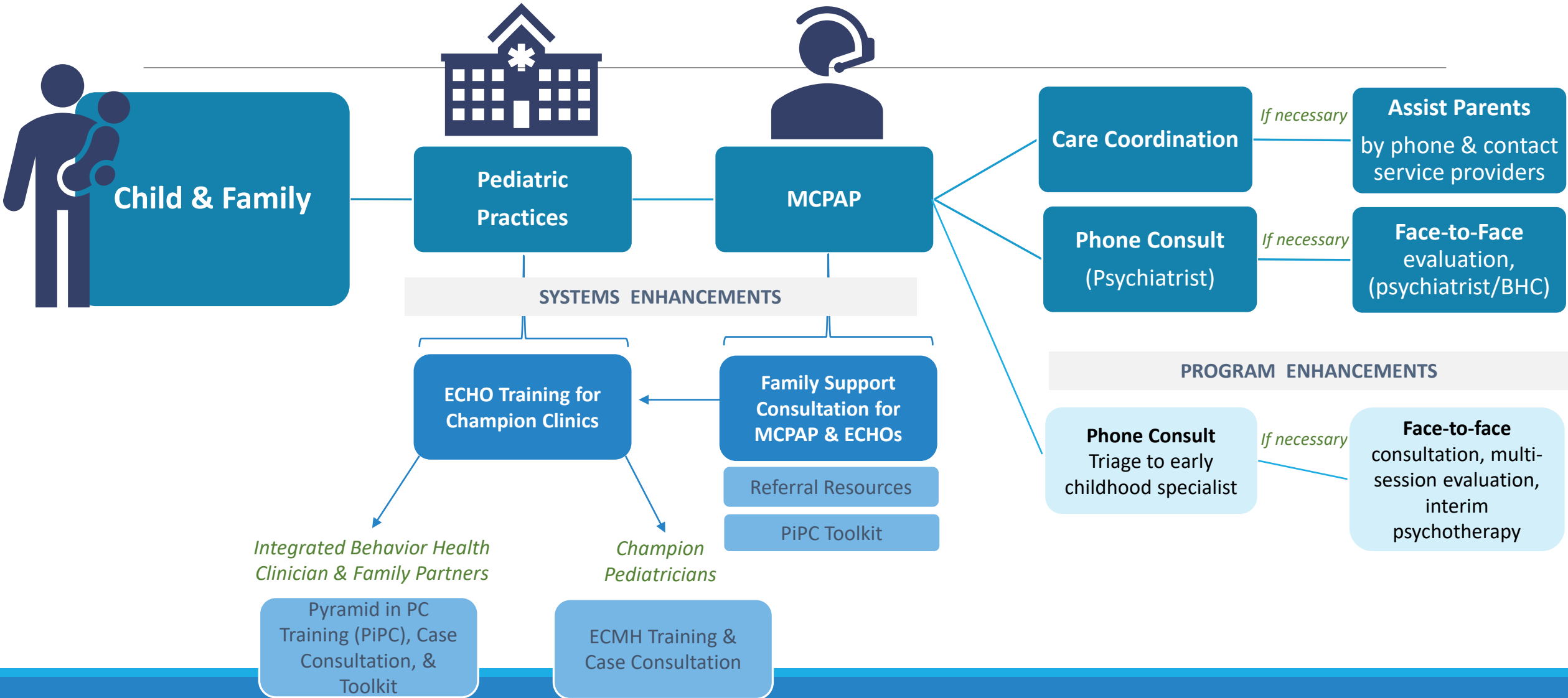
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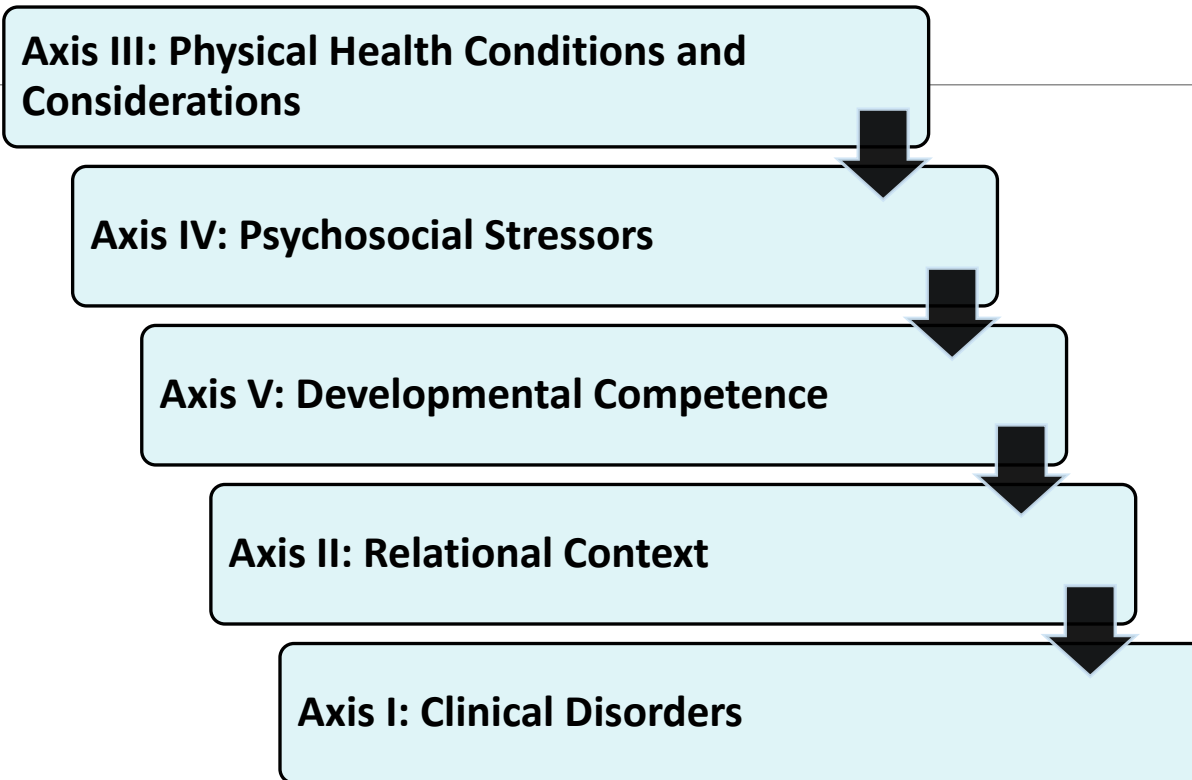
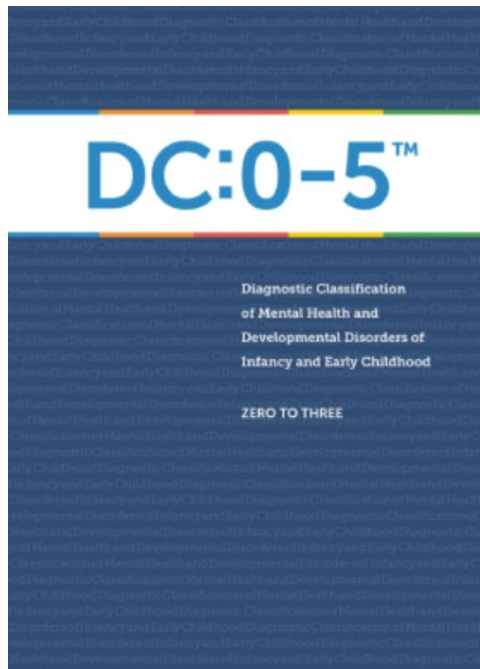
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# MCPAP FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD





ZERO TO THREE. (2016). *DC:0-5™: Diagnostic classification of mental health and developmental disorders of infancy and early childhood*. Washington, DC: Author.

# Assessing the Young Child: 5 Principles

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- 1. Young children are understood, evaluated, (and treated) within the context of relationships**
- 2. Young children are understood, evaluated, (and treated) within the context of their families, communities, and cultures.**
- 3. Assessments are spread out in time and space with an appreciation of normal development.**
- 4. The voice of the child is important to elicit.**
- 5. Assessments are strength-based and collaborative.**  
No blame – no shame.

What do we see?

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Sensory

Hyperactivity

Concerns

Meltdowns

Tantrums

Pica

Aggression

Developmental

Mood

Rigidity

Enuresis

Concerns

dysregulation

SIB

Dysregulation

Sleep

Aggression

Inattention

Phobias

Opposition

Encopresis

Depression

# Purpose of assessment:

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1. To develop with the caregivers a shared understanding of the core concerns
2. To determine whether psychopathology or conditions that lead to risk are present
3. To establish a developmentally-based differential diagnosis and an ongoing mutual process of formulation
4. To develop with the caregivers a treatment plan that addresses the caregivers' explicit and implicit expectations and facilitates supportive parent-child relationships

# Assessments may include:

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- Direct interaction and interview with primary caregiver, the young child, and additional caregivers
- Observation of the young child and caregivers, both together and apart
- Observation of family functioning (if possible)
- Collateral information
- Formal and informal **observations and assessment measures**



# Behavioral Health and Developmental Screening in Primary Care

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[Bright Futures Toolkit](#): Links to Commonly Used Screening Instruments and Tools

- Maternal Depression
- Behavioral/Social/Emotional
- Child Development
- Autism Spectrum Disorder

Temperament characteristic	Type of temperament		
	Easy	Slow-to-warm-up	Difficult
<b>Activity level</b>	Varies	Low to moderate	Varies
<b>Rhythmicity</b>	Very regular	Varies	Irregular
<b>Distractibility</b>	Varies	Varies	Varies
<b>Approach/withdrawal</b>	Approaches readily	Withdraws at first	Withdraws
<b>Adaptability</b>	Very adaptable	Slowly adaptable	Slowly adaptable
<b>Attention span/persistence</b>	High or low	High or low	High or low
<b>Intensity of reaction</b>	Low or mild	Mild	Intense
<b>Sensitivity</b>	High or low	High or low	High or low
<b>Quality of mood</b>	Positive	Slightly negative	Negative

Source: Thomas A, Chess S, Birch AG. *The Origin of Personality*. *Scientific American* 1970;223:102-9.  
<https://www.scientificamerican.com>.

# Putting it all together

<b>Axis I</b>	<b>Clinical Disorders</b>	
<b>Axis II</b>	<b>Relational Context</b> Part A: child-caregiver relationship Part B: child-caregiving environment	
<b>Axis III</b>	<b>Physical Health Conditions and Considerations</b>	
<b>Axis IV</b>	<b>Psychosocial Stressors</b>	
<b>Axis V</b>	<b>Developmental Competence</b>	

# MCPAP for Early Childhood Process Mapping

Draft 12/1/2021 Updated

PCP Call MCPAP on Child 1-6 years old

On-Call Coordinator asks PCP if OK with callback within <24 hours;  
If yes sends message to MCPAP EC BH clinician

EC BH returns call PCP or PCP office imbedded clinician within <24 hours:

- Provides phone support to PCP or PCP team
- EC BH will provide R&R to PCP re: child and family as appropriate

- Triaging for Face-to-Face in-person/virtual evaluation

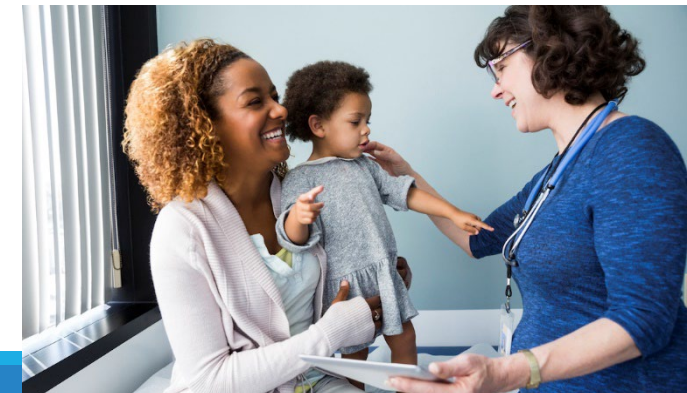
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- Evaluation may extend beyond initial visit, up to 4 visits with the family
- EC BH may offer short-term child-family intervention (4-10 meetings)
- EC BH will provide R&R to family as appropriate
- EC BH may refer to EC CAP for psychiatric evaluation



How is the process different from "regular" MCPAP?

- Triage by EC BH not CAP
- Response time <24 hours
- Extended evaluation option
- Short-term intervention option



# Commonly used primary care recommendations

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In-office  
responses for  
caregiver,  
relationship, or  
interaction  
concerns

Describe observed positive interactions  
(even momentary)

Encourage

- Perspective taking
- Consistency and dependability
- Walk the Circle of Security

Consider reframing the negative behavior  
in developmentally meaningful ways

First line IECMH  
primary care  
actions:  
(Be) FOCUSED

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Consider **f**amily supports like home visiting

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Safe, quality **o**ut-of-home child care (e.g., Head Start)

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Refer for **c**aregiver depression or MH concerns

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Reduce exposure to **u**nnecessary medications with behavioral side effects (Steroids, Kepra)

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**S**leep hygiene

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Label **e**motions

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Link with **d**evelopmental supports including speech and language, OT (IDEA Part C or B)

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# Promoting positive behaviors

Safe, consistent

## Positive attention for positive behaviors:

- Give positive attention to your child for behaviors you want to see again
- Positive attention can be
  - PRAISE-** say what you like that your child is doing
  - REPEAT** what your child says so he knows you heard and appreciate what he said
  - DESCRIBE-** say outloud what your child is doing so she knows you're paying attention

## Safe, consistent, boring consequences

- Punishments should be safe and not frightening
- Children who are hit learn to hit
- Consistent means that the same behaviors result in punishment each time, not just sometimes
- Stay in control... Keep your face, voice, and boring so your child doesn't get entertained or scared

Effective for motivating any adaptive behaviors

- Pro-social behavior
- Impulse control
- Overcoming anxiety
- Emotional regulation

to be trying

on with

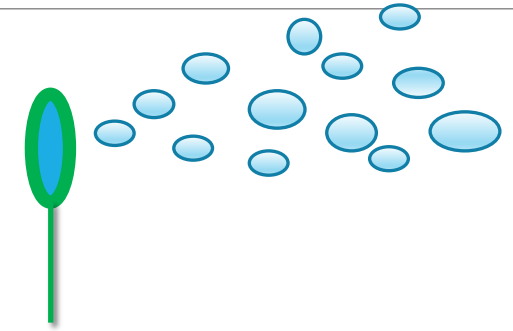
n for them

# Addressing Emotional Dysregulation (Anxiety, Mood)

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Muscle relaxation

- “loosey noodles”
- Progressive muscle relaxation
- Can record script for family on phone or use handouts



Blowing bubbles

Blow the tissue

Good for child and parent co-regulation

Monster Meditations (Sesame Street + HeadSpace)

# Principles of early childhood psychopharmacologic treatment

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- Significant, impairing symptoms
  - After partially effective/ineffective trial of therapy (with ongoing therapy)
  - In conjunction with ongoing therapy
  - Symptomatic treatment for extreme dangerousness or risk of expulsion related to symptom
    - Time limited
    - With plan for behavioral intervention as well (specialty or primary care)
  - Inability to access specialty therapy (after primary care intervention trial)

# Structural Differences in Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation

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# Building IECMH capacity with PCC partners!

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**PCCs see children and their families up to 14 times by age 4!!**

## **PCC increased awareness and use of MH screeners**

- B-5 Deeper Dive Project ECHO (CME Cat 1 credits) with MOC 4 QI screener
- Early Childhood Systems of Care for Kids (EC-SOCKS) Project ECHO with Social Determinants of Health screening MOC 4

## **PCC skill building**

- Triple P for Providers (Level 3)
- Point of Care Guidebook

## **B-5 Call line with care coordination**

# B-5 Call Lines

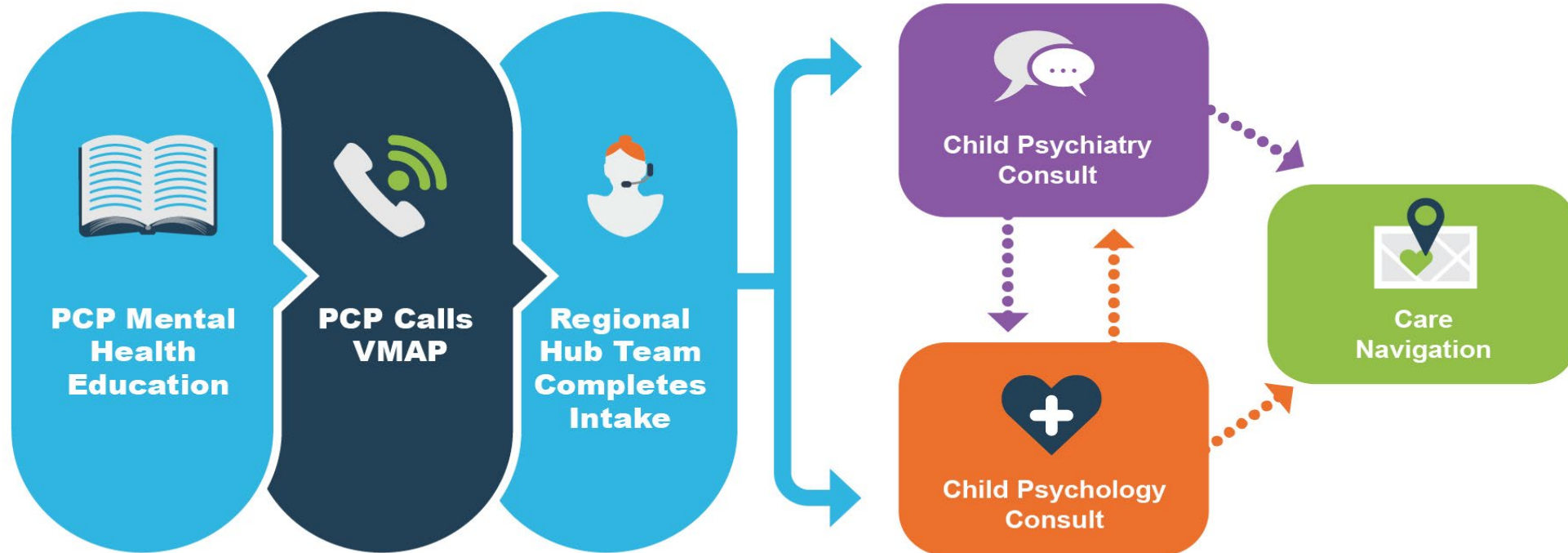
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Goal: PCCs learn to Recognize, Respond to, know when to Refer and know their local Resources for mild and moderate severity IECMH concerns and SDOH, and call/refer to PMHCA severe or-complex patients and families.

## Interdisciplinary teams

- Consultants may include LMHP, developmental behavioral pediatrics, child and adolescent psychiatrists, care navigators.
- Requires intensive care navigation support due to multiple systems involved in supporting young children.
- Often includes supports for social determinants of health

## *How Does VMAP Work?*



B-5 teams: child psychiatry, developmental behavioral pediatrics, psychology, LCSW, care navigators

# VMAP Early Childhood Line

## *Now accepting calls!*

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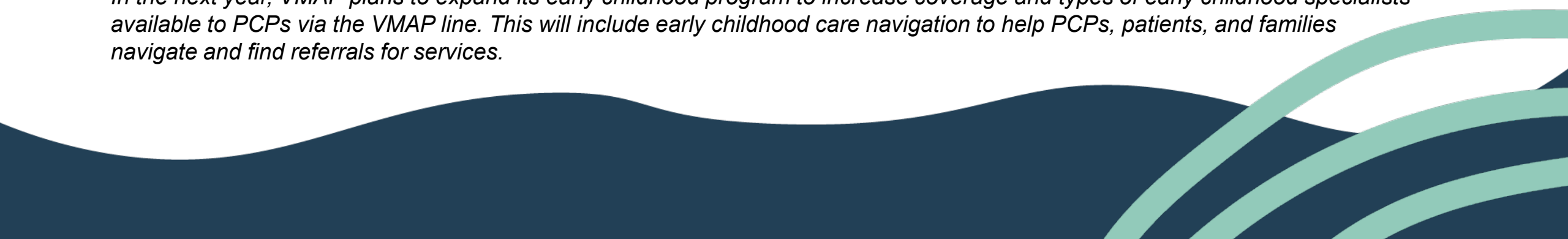
**1-888-371-VMAP (8627)**

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*Consultations with early childhood specialists!*

Such as **developmental/behavioral pediatricians** and **early childhood child psychiatrists**

*In the next year, VMAP plans to expand its early childhood program to increase coverage and types of early childhood specialists available to PCPs via the VMAP line. This will include early childhood care navigation to help PCPs, patients, and families navigate and find referrals for services.*





# Build PCC Capacity:

# Project ECHOs are virtual learning collaboratives

## ECHO vs. Telemedicine

### TeleECHO™ Clinic



Expert hub team

ECHO supports  
community based  
primary care teams



Learners at spoke site

Patients reached with specialty  
knowledge and expertise



### Traditional Telemedicine



Specialist manages patient remotely



ECHO model is not  
'traditional  
telemedicine'.

Treating PCP retains  
responsibility for  
managing patient.

# Deeper Dive Project ECHO and MOC 4

Opening	PCP Approach to IECMH
Session 2	PCP Office Tools for IECMH Assessment
Session 3	Anxiety + Related Attachment
Session 4	Dysregulated Anger + Aggression
Session 5	Preschool ADHD
Session 6	Trauma + ACES
Session 7	Autism
Session 8	Feeding
Session 9	Sleep
Session 10	IECMH Resources in Virginia
Session 11	Tantrums, Discipline and Spanking

## Young Child: VMAP Behavioral Screening Worksheet

Developed as a QI Resource for VMAP Project ECHO participants  
Updated 2.24.2023



### Goal

To increase broad emotional and behavioral screening in preschoolers in order to prevent or mitigate current or future severe problems. The Brief ECSA has sound validity and reliability in the primary care setting to identify children (age 18 months - 60 months) who have severe and impairing emotional or behavioral symptoms.

### Rationale

The Early Childhood Screening Assessment is a one-page broad screener for both internalizing (anxiety, trauma) and externalizing (aggression, ADHD, trauma) symptoms as well as has two questions about parental stress / depression. Also, Dr. Gleason, one of our HUB faculty, has helped develop, validate and has published this tool, and can serve as a consultant in this QI project.

### Steps

- 1. Identify your denominator.** Decide who is your target population (ages 2, 3, and 4 well-child checks) and calculate the number of well-child visits in your target population during the month of February. Your denominator should be at least 20 patients; if it is not, you will want to expand the age group you are using to make sure you have at least 20 patients in your denominator for each chart review. Enter this information into the Baseline survey tool.
- 2. Review your screening tool.** For this project, we are using the Brief Early Childhood Screening Assessment (ECSA) - attached.
- 3. Define your workflow.** The easiest thing to do is to print out copies of the tool and have your nurse or medical assistant instruct family to complete it while they are waiting for you in the room. You can score and discuss results with family.
- 4. Start screening.** Capture as many of your targeted well child visits as you can with a screener from March to June. (And ongoing, of course!)
- 5. Keep a folder.** For ease in completing chart reviews, keep the completed screeners in a folder so you can count them. Make sure they are dated.
- 6. Use recommendations below.**

### The TOOL

- The Brief ECSA is available at <https://medicine.tulane.edu/sites/g/files/rdw761/f/BriefECSA.pdf>.
- Ask parent to score all items to get the most accurate score. The ECSA is not valid if more than 2 child items are skipped.
- Parents are asked to circle a (+) if they are "concerned about a behavior and want help with it."
- Child score: A score of greater or equal to 9, when totaling questions 1-22, suggests that the child may be at higher risk of having a mental health problem. A score of 9 or higher, or any (+) should trigger a conversation with the parent and consideration for further assessment or referral.
- Parent depression score: Any response greater than zero on items 23 and 24 is considered positive and should trigger conversation with parent, and recommendation for parent to seek support.

# EC-SOCKS Project ECHO and MOC 4

Opening	Positive Parenting + SDOH Screening
Session 2	Food Insecurity, WIC and SNAP
Session 3	Maternal, infant and early childhood home visitation
Session 4	Developmental + Autism Screening and Surveillance
Session 5	Early Intervention & ECSE
Session 6	Early Care and Education (Early Head Start/Head Start)
Session 7	Prenatal Exposures
Session 8	Perinatal Mood + Anxiety Disorders
Session 9	Safe Ride, Every Ride
Session 10	The Importance of Early Literacy
Session 11	Evaluation + Wrap-up

## Young Child: VMAP SEEK Screening Worksheet

Developed as a QI Resource for VMAP Project ECHO participants  
Updated 2.24.2023



### Goal

To help enhance screening and referral for social determinants of health (SDOH) by using the Safe Environment for Every Kid (SEEK) Parent Screening Questionnaire (PQ-R). The SEEK screen is recommended for use at visits 0 – 5 years of age.

### Rationale

The SEEK screening tool is a one-page assessment designed to screen for, not diagnose, risk factors for child maltreatment. It is intended for parents/caregivers to complete with an estimated 2-3-minute completion time. Any positive response should have a follow-up or referral. The SEEK assessment tool has validity and reliability in the primary care setting to screen families for psychosocial problems that are risk factors for children that could impact their health, safety, and development.

### Steps

- 1. Identify your denominator.** Decide who is your target population (between ages 0 – 5 year well child checks) and calculate the number of well-child visits in your target population during the month of February. Your denominator should be at least 20 patients; if it is not, you will want to expand the age group you are using to make sure you have at least 20 patients in your denominator for each chart review. Enter this information into the Baseline survey tool.
- 2. Review the SEEK screening tool.** For this project, we are using the SEEK screening tool – attached.
- 3. Define your workflow.** The easiest thing to do is to print our copies of the tool and have your nurse or medical assistant instruct family to complete it while they are waiting for you in the room. You can review and discuss results with family.
- 4. Start screening.** Capture as many of your targeted well child visits as you can with a screener from March to June – and ongoing.
- 5. Keep a folder.** For ease in completing chart review, keep the completed screens in a folder so you can document them. Be sure they are dated.
- 6. Use recommendations below.**

### The TOOL

- One-page screener
- 16 questions
- Any positive response should have a follow-up or referral
- Target population – family, caregivers
- To be completed at well visit
- Topics Covered: Domestic Violence, Food Insecurity, Harsh Punishment, Intimate Partner Violence, Perinatal Depression, Parental Depression, Parental Stress, Parenting, Substance Abuse
- Available in multiple languages at <https://seekwellbeing.org/seek-materials/>

# ....to build capacity for PCC skill acquisition

Triple P for primary care clinicians (Level 3)

## Substantial Flexibility Within Levels

### Level 5: Enhanced Triple P

Enhanced, Pathways

### Level 4: Standard Triple P

Standard, Standard Stepping Stones, Group, Group Teen, Self-Directed

### Level 3: Primary Care Triple P

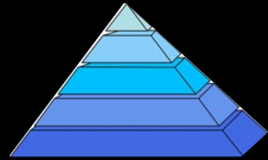
Primary Care, Primary Care Teen

### Level 2: Selected Triple P

Seminar, Individual Support, Teen

### Level 1: Universal Triple P

Media (PSAs and TV)



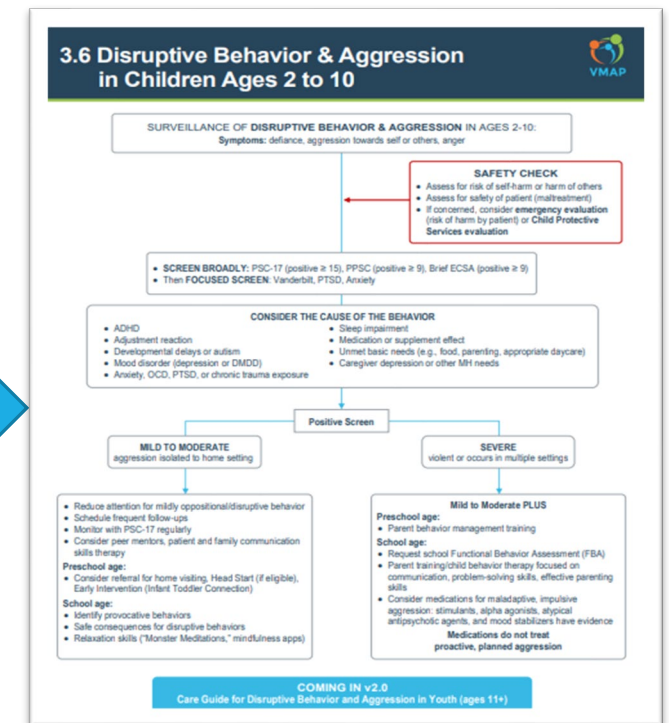
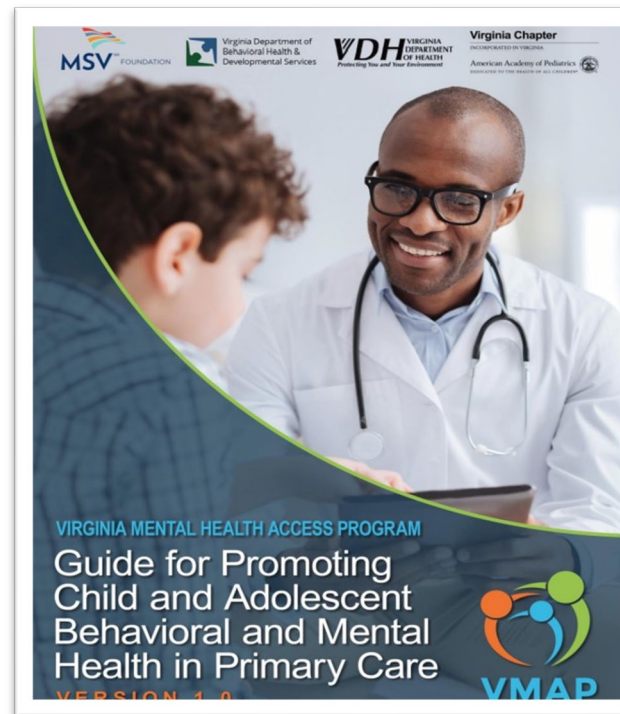
## A Point of Care Guidebook

Free to download

[www.vmap.org/guidebook](http://www.vmap.org/guidebook)

[www.triplep.net](http://www.triplep.net)

A 1.5 day curriculum to train PCCs how to offer brief Parent Behavior Management in primary care settings





# Summary

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Early childhood consultation goes behind individuals and their symptoms!

- Relationships are central
- Positive and adverse experiences and contexts shape development... and we can shape them

Models exist! We're happy to help

Early childhood offers opportunity to influence foundations of mental health

# Appendix

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# HELLPPP Mnemonic



H = Hope



E = Empathy



L<sup>2</sup> = Language, Loyalty



P<sup>3</sup> = Permission, Partnership, Plan



# Preschool medication considerations for primary care (after behavioral intervention)

	Primary Care	First line	Primary Care Medication consideration
ADHD	Selective attention recommendations	Parent management therapy (PMT)	Stimulant > alpha agonist
Anxiety	Relaxation strategies, caregiver MH, practice brave behaviors	Therapy – cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), PMT	SSRI
Depression	Family support, caregiver MH, supportive care	Any therapy including supportive	Rarely required, SSRI
Disruptive behavior disorder	Selective attention recommendations	PMT	If impulsive-stimulant, alpha agonist
PTSD	Safety, caregiver education, relaxation strategies	TF-CBT	None
Sleep problems	Graduated extinction, sleep hygiene	Graduated extinction, sleep hygiene	(Melatonin, alpha agonist)
			Gleason 2017, Barbesi 2021



# Question and Answer Segment

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# Upcoming Technical Assistance (TA) Innovation Center Activities

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- **August 17, 2023** – Peer-to-Peer Sharing Session for PMHCA and MDRBD awardees focusing on **Referral Database Design and Management**
- **August 28–29, 2023** – PMHCA and MDRBD All-Awardee **Annual Meeting**



# MCHB TA Provider Shared Calendar

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- Offers a centralized access point for PMHCA and MDRBD awardees to easily look at planned TA activities
- Facilitates convenient access to event follow-ups, including comprehensive PPT slides and concise summaries of previous TA engagements
- Highlights information about various events from the HRSA MCHB team, MCHB TA Innovation Center, American Academy of Pediatrics, School-Based Health Alliance, and Emergency Medical Services for Children Innovation and Improvement Center.
- <https://mchb.jbsinternational.com/>



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